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of 35,000 men, who will be drafted from the regiments of the Caucasian military districts. The troops will be drawn out in two lines, one lying directly on the frontier, in the space between the posts of the frontier guard; the other lying behind the first and serving as a reserve force. Arrangements shall be made to put the cordon in force within one or two days from the receipt of the order from St. Petersburg.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—By order of the Government of Bengal, dated March 2, quarantine laws are put in force at Calcutta against Goa similar to those in force against arrivals from Karachi.

MOROCCO.—According to advices of March 21, the Sultan has ordered all police authorities and governors of States and harbor towns to prevent the departure of pilgrims during the current year. The pilgrimage to Mecca may be resumed next year.

### *Cholera and plague.*

#### CHOLERA.

FRANCE.—The Weekly Bulletin of Sanitary Statistics states that a case of cholera was reported from the St. Lambert quarter, by hospital report, during the week ended March 27.

#### PLAGUE.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—In the city of Bombay, during the four weeks from February 10 to March 9, 845, 778, 692, and 590 deaths from plague were reported. New cases are reported from the Punjaub, and in the interior of Scind, as far as Sukkur, isolated cases are reported.

#### CUBA.

### *Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.*

April 24: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended April 22 there were in that city 16 deaths from yellow fever, with 60 new cases, and 200 new cases of smallpox, with 22 deaths.

April 20: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended April 17 there were in that city no new cases and no deaths from yellow fever, and 60 cases and 10 deaths from smallpox.

April 16: The United States consul at Matanzas reports that during the week ended April 14 there were in that city 3 deaths from smallpox.

### *Sanitary report from Habana.*

#### HABANA, ISLAND OF CUBA, April 24, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that smallpox continues to diminish slowly here, that yellow fever has not increased during the past week, and that other spreading diseases exist only to a limited extent.

*Mortuary report.*—During the week ended April 22 there were 250 deaths from all diseases in this city, 16 of which were caused by yellow fever, with 60 new cases approximately; 22 were caused by smallpox, with approximately 200 new cases; 5 were caused by enteric fever, 3 by so-called pernicious fever, 3 by paludal fever, 15 by enteritis, 10 by dysen-